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### Victorian Year Book 1999 released today

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) released its 111th edition of the **Victorian Year Book** today. The edition contains a comprehensive and detailed statistical review of various aspects of the economy and social conditions in Victoria. It also contains selected historical statistics for Victoria back as far as 1841 for some series.

The Year Book, for the first time, includes a chapter on regional statistics. It presents key economic, social and demographic statistics illustrating some of the differences in the population dynamics, labour force, industry structures and general economic activity by various geographic regions down to local government Level. Both Australian Bureau of Statistics and non-ABS data are used. The Year Book contains a full range of data collected by the ABS, supplemented with information from Victorian Government departments and authorities. The feature article for 1999 is on rural and regional Victoria which was prepared jointly by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Infrastructure.

The 1999 Victorian Year Book is a valuable reference tool, and source of stories for media, with chapters on economic trends; government; climate and natural environment; births, deaths, marriages and divorces; social and welfare; health; crime and justice; transport and communication; a range of industry chapters and more.

### Some facts in brief from the Victorian Year Book

- The net population loss from interstate migration continued to decline from 29,195 in 1994 to 6,307 in 1997.
- In May 1998, there were 2,342,100 persons in the Victorian labour force, of whom 2,152,800 were employed.
- Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)-related deaths in Victoria for 1997 numbered 67 males and 7 females, compared with 128 males and 6 females in 1996.
- In 1997 the victimisation rates in Victoria for all offence categories, except blackmail and extortion, were generally well below the Australian average.
- Imports to Victoria increased by 15% in 1997-98 to \$28,840 million continuing the upward trend since 1992-93.
- Victoria's main exports in 1997-98 were dairy products and bird's eggs (\$1,515 million) and gold (\$1,505 million).
- The value of construction work done on residential buildings rose by 32 % to \$4,740 million.

Copies of the **Victorian Year Book** (cat. no. 1301.2) are available in public libraries in all metropolitan and regional areas of Victoria. Copies are available for purchase (\$44.00) from the ABS Bookshop, Level 5, CGU Tower, 485 LaTrobe St, Melbourne, or order by phone on (03)

9615 7755 or Fax on (03) 9615 7798. Members of the media who require a review copy please contact Paul Kennedy on (03) 9615 7850.

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